

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

The Office Action dated June 30, 2004, has been received and carefully reviewed. In that Office Action, it was indicated that claims 15-20 were allowed and that claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 10-14 would be allowable if amended to include the limitations of their base claims. Because it is believed that claims 1, 4, 7 and 9 are allowable, claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 10-14 are not being amended at this time.

Claims 1, 4, 7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakao. It is believed that these claims are allowable as written; however, in order to advance the prosecution of this case, claims 1, 4, 7 and 9 have been amended to more clearly define the present invention. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-20 is therefore respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim 1 as amended, more clearly requires a changeover control circuit that controls switching of first and second changeover circuits so that a polarity of an offset voltage to be applied to a pixel by the first and second changeover circuits is changed every frame for every predetermined number of frames. The embodiment illustrated in Figure 6 of the present application, for example, shows a polarity that changes every frame for every predetermined number of frames. Nakao, on the other hand, as illustrated in

Figure 24 of that reference, shows a voltage that changes in polarity every two frames (+A, +B, -A, -B) rather than every frame as required by claim 1. The device required by claim 1 is not shown or suggested by the art of record, and it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 and its dependent claims are allowable.

Independent claims 4, 7 and 9 have also been amended to include the "every frame" limitation described above. These claims, and their dependent claims, are therefore submitted to be allowable for the reasons provided in connection with claim 1.

Conclusion

Each issue raised in the Office Action dated June 30, 2004, has been addressed, and it is believed that claims 1-20 are now in condition for allowance. Wherefore reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-20 is earnestly solicited.

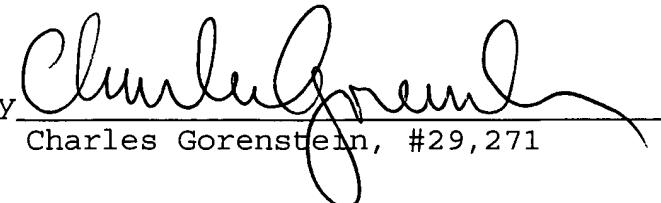
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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